Bank frauds

1153. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Bank frauds unearthed from January to October 31, 1985, Bank-wise;

(b) what is the number of officers and staff involved in such frauds, Bank-wise; and

(c) what is the amount involved, bank-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to contain such frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information made available by the Reserve Bank of India is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, *Annexure No.* 15.]

(d) Reserve Bank of India oversees the working of the Banks through inspections, returns, formal discussions, its nominees on the Boards of the Banks, etc. The Government also keeps a watch over the general performance of the Banks. Banks have been advised to clear the arrears in the reconciliation of their inter-Bank and inter-Branch accounts, strengthen vigilance and inspection machinery and to mete out suitable punishment to the officials found guilty of frauds or other malpractices.

Conversion of ITDC Hotels to house Government Offices

1154. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert all ITDC hotels to house Government offices; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a nine-storeyed hotel built by DDA during Asiad 1982 is being given to the Finance Ministry for housing its offices?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Urban Development.

Setting up of Arbitration Courts

1155. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up arbitration courts for resolving industrial disputes; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Section 10A of the Industrial Disputes Act already provides that the employers and the workmen, if they agree to refer the dispute to arbitration can by a written agreement refer the dispute to arbitration and the reference shall be to such person or persons (including presiding Officer of the Labour Court or Tribunal or National Tribunal) as an arbitrator or arbitrators, as may be specified in the arbitration agreement.